

PEACE WITH NEW RUSSIA NOW SOUGHT BY AUSTRIA

BATTLE STILL RAGING AT LENS AND ST. QUENTIN

British Carry Fight to Outskirts of Both Cities

CAMBRAI-ST. QUENTIN WEDGE WIDENED

Haig's Troops Win Mile-and-a-Half Line South of Arras

BIG FIGHT NEAR MONCHY

French Pierce Teuton Defenses in Alsace—Great Gun Duel On

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES AFIELD. April 15. British troops fought their way forward in the outskirts of St. Quentin and Lens today. Just north of St. Quentin, they took the village of Trosnoyvauxes. Around three sides of Lens they were fiercely fighting against German defenders and slowly encircling the coal city. The Germans fought desperately, while in the town itself they strove frantically to remove guns and supplies. Again, early today, the Germans threw two more strong attacks at British positions at Monchy-le-Preux. Both failed. The British artillery, concentrated in a devastating fire, slaughtered the attacking forces of Teutons. Another German attack—likewise with great sacrifice—was made on both sides of Beaumont-Cambrai road against Hermines, Neuville and Langcourt. The British held firm at Hermines and Neuville, but the enemy obtained a foothold on a spur 2000 yards to the north of Penninghain and Langcourt. Immediately, however, the British counter-attacked and swept the enemy out. The Germans lost heavily in this attack and the subsequent British counter-attacks.

LONDON, April 15. In the face of the fiercest opposition rallied against the British drive, Field Marshal Haig's forces today battered their way still farther around Lens and pushed another wedge to win a mile and a half of the Cambrai-St. Quentin line. "We progressed to the northwest of Lens," the British commander-in-chief's laconic comment of that point in the fighting where British forces have straddled the famed Hindenburg line. Haig also announced the capture of Villers, southeast of Hargicourt. Its taking by British troops widens the wedge thrust against the main Hindenburg line of communications from St. Quentin to Cambrai a front of approximately five miles. Villers is five miles to the north of Fresnoy-le-Franc and Pontu, both already in British hands and both one-half mile from the Cambrai-St. Quentin line. The defense was centering today around Hermines-le-Preux. Field Marshal Haig's report continues: "The enemy attack at Monchy was

RED SOX WIN 6-1 VICTORY OVER 'A'S'

World's Champs Ruthlessly Stifle Macklets' Ambition for First Division

Behold! The Barriers!

Baseball scores for Boston Red Sox vs Athletics. Includes batting averages and fielding percentages.

VIENNA PROFFER IS TO END WAR BY SEPARATE TREATY; 'COMMON AIMS' SET AS BASIS

Hapsburg Proposal to New Regime Contained in Semiofficial Statement Claiming Identity of Objects as Ground for Negotiations

AMSTERDAM, April 16. Austria-Hungary has made an offer for a separate peace with Russia. In a semiofficial statement issued in Vienna, Austria-Hungary regards a "basis of understanding" easily capable of being reached with Russia, in view of the identical beliefs in the Russian Provisional Government's recent statement and those stated by Foreign Minister Czernin. The Vienna statement follows: In view of the Russian Government's manifesto declaring that that Government was fighting only in defense of liberty, Austria-Hungary considers this a basis of understanding between the two countries. The Government perceives the Russian Provisional Government's desire to attain an aim which agrees with that which the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister gave on March 31 as this monarchy's war aim. It should not, in view of the conformity of aims between the Governments of the Central Powers and those of the Russian Provisional Government, be difficult to find a way toward an understanding. The Austro-Hungarian Government and the Russian Provisional Government are in the same manner striving for a peace honorable to both sides, which guarantees the existence of honor and the possibility of the development of the belligerent States. Advice from Berlin today declared the Reichstag had been summoned to meet April 24 and that Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg was expected to make an early statement on Russia.

SLACKER? INDEED NO! SAYS WILLARD

Ring Champion Declares He Tried to Enlist, but Was Rejected

By M'LISS Jess Willard is no slacker. He said so today with smiling emphatic belligerence. When somebody produced a newspaper clipping, which contained a statement by Captain E. E. Kenney, in charge of the recruiting stations in Chicago, that Willard had not attempted to enlist, he dismissed it with a contemptuous brush of his hand-like hands. "About three weeks ago in Chicago," he said, "I went to the recruiting stations and told them I was ready. They told me my bulk was too great and that they were not taking married men just then. I went away satisfied. I don't know much about muskets, but I'm ready if my country needs me. I'm willing to do anything that I'm told. "But," somebody timidly interjected, "Captain Kenney is an officer in the regular army. He says he has no record of your attempt to enlist." A fighting glint, not unminged with a humorous one, came into the big blue eyes of the world's heavyweight ring champion. "Don't you believe what I'm telling you?" he asked quietly flexing his huge muscles. The crowd of sporting writers, reporters and small adoring boys that had gathered round Jess, moved back a perceptible distance from the midge-like tent outside which they were standing and which serves for Jess's circus dressing room. "Somebody" made haste to assure Willard that he was believed, believed beyond the shadow of a doubt. It is doubtful if

ALEX FALLS BEFORE BRAVES' ATTACK, 3-1

Young Jesse Barnes Again Takes Phil's Measure in First Game at Boston

And Alex Hurled, Too

Baseball scores for Philadelphia Phillies vs Boston Braves. Includes batting averages and fielding percentages.

STRIKE RIOTING STIRS BERLIN, IS WORD TO DUTCH

General Stoppage of Work Began Today, Travelers Say

OUTBREAKS OCCUR IN GERMAN CAPITAL

25 Per Cent Decrease in Bread Ration Arouses Prussians

LONDON, April 15. Travelers who arrived today in Holland from Germany, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency, say that a general strike was commenced today in Berlin. Riots have taken place in the German capital, it is also said. COPENHAGEN, April 15. A new 25 per cent reduction in the Prussian bread ration has caused much excitement among the people, says a Berlin dispatch to the newspaper Politiken. The dispatch adds that the Government had reassured the people by telling them that provisions are now secured until the next harvest. According to the Kiel Zeitung, the workmen and officers of the Germania shipyard at Kiel, who demanded an immediate increase of food and 33 per cent additional wages, were addressed at a recent meeting by the director. They declared that they shared the hardships of the men, receiving the same quantity of foodstuffs as that served the meanest laborer. A deputation of workmen visited the directors the next day and asked permission to investigate the contents of the directors' larder. This was refused on the ground that the directors did not possess larders or stores.

JOSEFINA ZARETE WINS HAVRE DE GRACE OPENER

Imperator and Swift Fox Finish in Money in First Race of Spring Meeting

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md., April 15.—A clear sky and a fast track greeted the large gathering that turned out to witness the first day's racing of the spring meeting here this afternoon. Ten speeders responded for the first race for three-year-olds and up at five furlongs, and Josefina Zarete, handled by Trowe, was the first under the wire. A cool breeze blew over the stretch, but did not seem to impair the speed of the runners. Imperator pressed the winner hard on the home stretch, but Trowe's mount had enough in reserve to hold off the challenger until the finish. Swift Fox was speedy enough to take show money. The machines paid \$5.50, \$2.50 and \$2.40 on the winner. Summary: FIRST RACE, for three-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs. 1. Josefina Zarete, 90, Trowe \$5.50 \$2.50 \$2.40 2. Imperator, 117, A. Collins 2.70 2.40 3. Swift Fox, 100, Merriam 2.70 2.40 Time, 1:07 1/2. Vasey, Owan, King, Baggett, Queen of the Sea, Kathryn Gray, Resian, Silver and Shinar also ran. FOURTH RACE, for maiden two-year-olds, 4 furlongs. 1. Melodie, 112, Ambrose \$47.00 \$12.20 \$4.10 2. Charlie Ledzeker, 115, Connors 19.30 9.30 3. Irish King, 115, J. Meigs 5.30 Time, 58. Philia, Miss Sautera, Jess Bug, Lady Ellen, Bonnie Brown, Austral, Producer, Omand and Star Spaniard also ran. THIRD RACE, for three-year-olds and upward, selling, 2 1/2 furlongs. 1. Melodie, 112, Ambrose \$10.70 \$4.70 \$4.00 2. Lady London, 107, T. McTear 6.20 5.70 3. Carl Roberts, 111, Johnson 6.00 Time, 1:08 1/2. Burbank, Tondrick, Cash, Brown, Gold Tarsus, Jim Beer, Humiliation, Two Royals, Loheranin and Parlor Boy also ran. FIFTH RACE, four-year-olds and upward, selling, 6 furlongs. 1. Ambrose, 115, Stetlauf \$4.40 \$3.10 \$2.30 2. Preston Lynn, 112, W. Col. 4.10 2.70 3. Royal Indian, 111, T. McTear 2.90 Time, 1:17. Breckinfield, Laura, Cannonade and Durin also ran. Tenth Race, for three-year-olds and upward, selling, 6 furlongs. 1. Ambrose, 115, Stetlauf \$4.40 \$3.10 \$2.30 2. Preston Lynn, 112, W. Col. 4.10 2.70 3. Royal Indian, 111, T. McTear 2.90 Time, 1:17. Breckinfield, Laura, Cannonade and Durin also ran.

PENN NINE TAKES 4-0 GAME FROM WILLIAMS

Titzel Holds Ira Thomas's Boys to Two Hits—Errors Help Quakers

Rah! Rah! Red and Blue

Baseball scores for Philadelphia Phillies vs Pennsylvania State. Includes batting averages and fielding percentages.

LATEST SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES

Baseball scores for Boston Athletics vs Philadelphia Phillies, Boston vs Philadelphia, and Pennsylvania vs Williams.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baseball scores for Washington vs New York, Chicago vs Detroit, and Cleveland vs St. Louis.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Baseball scores for New York vs Brooklyn, Pittsburgh vs Cincinnati, and St. Louis vs Chicago.

OTHER GAMES

Baseball scores for G.T.N. Academy vs Friends' Cent., Swarthmore Prep vs Episcopal, and Brown Prep vs La Salle College.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fifth Havre de Grace race, handicap, 3-year-olds and up, 5 1/2 furlongs—Sand Marsh, 123, Butwell, \$11.80, \$4.20, \$3.50, won; Leo Charles, 130, Haines, \$2.80, \$2.40, second; Pennant, 132, Robinson, \$3.80, third. Time, 1:07.

ARRESTED FOR TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS ON RAILROAD TRAIL

George Fisher, thirty years old, Brown street near Tenth, was detained today by Pennsylvania Railroad detectives when he alighted from a train at Broad street station because the conductor of the train said he had seen him taking photographs as the train passed through Paoli. Fisher said he had been on a visit to his fiancée in Columbia, Pa., and denied that he had any sinister motives when he snapped the photographs.

PRESIDENT DEFINES TREASON IN PROCLAMATION

WASHINGTON, April 16.—President Wilson this afternoon issued through the State Department a proclamation pointing out what treason is and its penalty as defined by the Constitution, the criminal code and court decisions.

MAN DIES FROM FRACTURED SKULL

Thomas Dilden, forty-five years old, 2638 South Fifteenth street, was found unconscious with a fractured skull this afternoon at Twelfth and Reed streets and was removed to St. Agnes's Hospital, where he died a half hour after he was admitted. The police say they believe that Dilden's injury was due to a fall.

OFF TO MEET BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Admiral Fletcher and several other officials have left the capital to meet British Foreign Minister Balfour, Secretary of Navy Daniels announced this afternoon.

FRANK FLUCK SPONSOR FOR TRANSIT SUIT

Frank Fluck, brother of Charles L. Fluck, president of the Northwest Business Men's Association, is the taxpayer who is bringing the transit suit to hold up the city, it was learned late this afternoon. Otto Wolff, Jr., who is representing Mr. Fluck, has asked the Supreme Court to take original jurisdiction in the case.

FACTIONS JOIN IN PLAN TO END TRANSIT DELAY

Vare and McNichol Promise Mayor to Rush Bills

SMITH OPTIMISTIC AFTER CONFERENCE

Says Legislative Action Will Make Service Board Change Attitude

MYSTERY IN WOLFF SUIT

Lawyer Asks Supreme Court to Take Original Jurisdiction in New Litigation

Definite promises to support legislation at Harrisburg favorable to the progress of Philadelphia's high-speed transit lines were made this afternoon by Senators McNichol and Vare at a conference with Mayor Smith, Transit Director Twining and Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Councils Finance Committee, in City Hall. Following the conference Mayor Smith appeared optimistic concerning the outlook. He said: "I asked the Senators to push the transit bills through and they promised to do so for us. The Public Service Commission thinks at this time that we are at the mercy of the Rapid Transit Company, because it will be the only customer for the lines. But the passage of the bills at Harrisburg will make it possible for us to deal with other customers. The commissioners informed me that they would not do anything until something was done with the bills. If the bills pass, the commission will very likely grant a certificate of public convenience, thus doing away with that obstruction."

ANOTHER CUSTOMER From the general tenor of the Mayor's remarks it was evident that the city has in view another customer for the proposed high-speed lines, but neither the Mayor nor others at the conference would discuss this phase of the situation. At the present time progress in the transit controversy is held because of a tie within the commission regarding the subject of its jurisdiction. Wolff, who has offices in the Land Title Building, would not discuss the nature of the suit, but it is known that it is not a friendly action, as at first indicated. City authorities have made an effort to learn what is back of Wolff's action, but so far their efforts have been unsuccessful.

This conference at City Hall quickly followed former Transit Director Taylor's call to the citizens of Philadelphia, issued today, cautioning them against pull-backs who were holding up completion of the high-speed lines and predicting profits of \$200,000,000 for the city under the proposed lease. Realizing the public feeling was reaching the limit of patience, Mayor Smith brought the heads of the warring McNichol-Vare political factions together with those who could furnish first-hand information on the situation. This conference at City Hall quickly followed former Transit Director Taylor's call to the citizens of Philadelphia, issued today, cautioning them against pull-backs who were holding up completion of the high-speed lines and predicting profits of \$200,000,000 for the city under the proposed lease. Realizing the public feeling was reaching the limit of patience, Mayor Smith brought the heads of the warring McNichol-Vare political factions together with those who could furnish first-hand information on the situation.

COMPROMISE SOUGHT Through the conference the Mayor hopes to cause Senators Vare and McNichol to reach a compromise on the bills pending in Harrisburg, as the Public Service Commission has announced that it will take no action until the transit measures have been passed. The fate of the bills will depend largely upon the result of the conference today. These bills were introduced by Representatives Gans and Hecht and Senator Sprout. The Gans bill would compel the Rapid Transit Company to permit joint service upon the Market street subway and intersecting high-speed lines, while the Hecht bill gives to the city the right of eminent domain in the transit matter. The financial end of the project is taken care of by the Sprout bill, which increases the borrowing capacity by not charging against the borrowing power of the city the sum spent for improvements which show a profit to the city.

Former Transit Director Taylor's statement in full was in the early editions of the Evening Ledger and is reprinted in the column on page 5 of this edition.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table listing baseball games for today, including American League and National League matchups.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Tonight, followed by increasing clouds Tuesday; continued moderate with variable winds.